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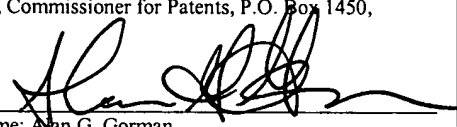
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Title:	METHODS, COMPUTER SYSTEMS, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIA FOR CONTROLLING THE STATUS OF NETWORK ADDRESS SPACE		

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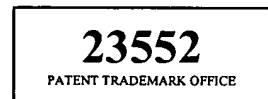
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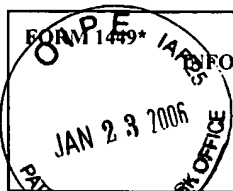


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